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of

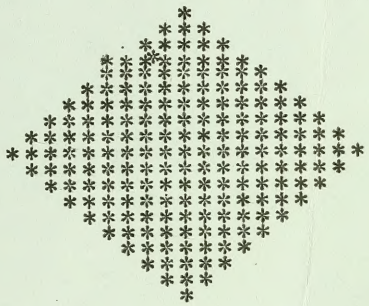
MUD CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Convening at the

ROCK HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Asheville, N. C.



WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY AND SUNDAY

July 21 - 25, 1971

Rev. H. B. Ferguson, Pastor

Mrs. Elizabeth Forney, Clerk

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. H. B. Ferguson ..... Moderator
Rev. N. M. Avery ..... Vice Moderator
Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan ..... Secretary
Asst Secretary
Mr. James Pilgrim ..... Treasurer
Mrs. Elizabeth Forney ..... Pianist
Choister
Mrs. Alcovia McCall Educational Director.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. H. B. Ferguson, Rev. N. M. Avery, Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, Mrs. Annie Johnston, Mrs. Ossie Grant, Mrs. Evelyn Gentry, Mrs. Alcovia McCall, Mr. R. D. Roberson, Mr. Cornelus Hunt, Rev. J. H. Sullivan, Mr. Collins, Mr. James Pilgrim.

GENERAL BOARD

The General Board is made up of all Pastors in the Association, Presidents of all Auxiliaries of the association and delegated messengers from a church or auxiliary.

TRUSTEE BOARD

Mr. James Pilgrim..... Chairman
Rev. N. M. Avery, Rev. W. E. Lytle, Rev. J. H. Sullivan, Rev. F. H. Goldsmith, Rev. H. B. Ferguson.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. L. B. Reed ..... Chairman
Rev. C. E. Rustin .....Co---Chairman
Rev. R. W. Styles,..... Secretary
Rev. W. E. Lytle, Rev. C. Johnson, Rev. F. H. Goldsmith, Rev. H. B. Ferguson.

MUD CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 103 ANNUAL SESSION

Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church

Asheville, N. C.

July 21 - 26 1971

WEDNESDAY JULY 21, 1971

The 103 Annual Session of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association convened with the Rock Hill Baptist Church.

1:30 P. M. Devotions was conducted by the Deacon Davis, Thompson, and Hamilton.

2:00 P. M. Rev. H. B. Ferguson the Moderator presiding.

Opening remarks by the Moderator: When we stand at the cross roads of life, God will give us the right directions. The man that was let down through the roof to Jesus had a two-fold paralysises, one of body and one of spirit. He had no faith but those who brought him had it for him. When God moves people will step aside and make a way for you.

The house was called to order at 2:15 P.M. The change of date of our association is a trial because many of our pastor's are away in August in Revivals.

The three organizations meeting together this week, (1) The Association. (2) The Church Union. (3) The Woman's Auxiliary.

What we do now in our association will be in the laying of the foundation for

for others to follow.

Mrs. V.T. Glenn, read the program for the session. It was moved and seconded that the program be accepted as our guide during this session.

2:30 Registration and Representation of the Ministers Deacons and delegates. Also the Representation of the churches, see another page.

Rev. J. H. Smith, spoke on the "THEME: He said, How nice it would be if the revolution were reversed and the church had a revolution for God. - Revolutions may be good or bad. We do have religion in these days but it is capable of revolution. In some things there are seasons, but religion has no season, it takes trouble to bring some things to pass, it's easy to do church work, but hard to work for the church, the church must be the guiding light in this revolution

Reports: The Usher board Union of Henderson and Transylvania Counties. Deacon Collins, the President, spoke in brief He says, Work is the key word in Christian work, not only when it is convenient, but at all times, He said that some improvements had been made in the Union, we need to give God the best that we have , God robbed heaven and sent His Son to allow us this privilege.

Report of Treasurer, Mr. James Pilgrim, see report on another page.

He stated that East Flat Rock Assembly grounds was open for services to our churches at all times, the lights and water or on and ready for use. Plans are being made for picnic area to be used at any time.

No further work has been done at the Assembly since this years session would not be held there. It was moved and seconded that the treasurers report be received and adopted. In view of the fact that the migrants have contributed to the grounds and the monies be used as repairs money and for painting of the building, until such time a definite plan is put into action. This was accepted by the body.

Report of Secretary: The moderator emphasised that we are three years old in the new century of the association.
Dismissal for Supper.

7:30 Wednesday Night:

Worshipping together. Rev. O. E. Dunn, Presented a musical, "Keep Your Hand on the Plow and Hold On." This was one of the highlights of the association, it was enjoyed by all. Offering $60.37
Remarks and Benediction.

THURSDAY

1:30 P.M. The Church Union was in session Rev. J. H. Sullivan, President.

7:30 Thursday Night: Call to Worship the Rev. N. M. Avery, Selection Rock Hill Choir "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross." Scripture reading Rev. Ferguson, 85 Psalms 1-9 verses Prayer Rev. B. J. Jamison. selection Rock Hill Choir. "More About Jesus."
Moderators Annual Address: "Appreshate The Past, Take Advantage of the Present."
Selection "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood." Led by Rev. J. W. Burton.
The moderators address was excepted with thanks to be turned over to a committee so that each church would get a copy.

Offering Deacon J. Pilgrim and Deacon Smith $20.50 Remarks - Benediction.

FRIDAY NIGHT

7:30 P.M. Call to Worship by the moderator Remarks by Rev. J. H. Sullivan, Scripture was read by Rev. Sullivan from St. Matthew 3: 1-12 verses. Selection by the Tried Stone Choir. "Jesus Loves Me." Another Selection "Father I Stretch My Hands To Thee." Sermon, Rev. B. F. Brewer. Text: Matt. 26:30 Subject. Bless be the Ties that Binds." Rev. Brewer, brought a wonderful and inspiring message. Offering $37.56 Remarks and Benediction.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

2:30 P. M. Call to Worship: And Devotion the Vice moderator Rev. N. M. Avery. Selection Rock Hill Choir, "God's Grace." Scripture was read from Matthew 14: 1-12 verses by Rev. Avery. Prayer was led by Rev. A. L. Smith, Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. Another Selection by Rock Hill Choir: "I Need Thee Every Hour." The closing Sermon by the Moderator. Text: Matt. 14: 15. Verse Subject: "Generosity Begets Generosity." A wonderful sermon and a inspiring message. Remarks by the vice moderator, thanks to the Rock Hill Church for opening their doors to us for the Annual Session of the Mud Creek Association. Selection Rev. Eddie Johnson, "I'm Glad to be in the Number one more Time. Offering $42.50 Remarks Closing Benediction by the moderator.

CHURCHES REPORTING AT THE ANNUAL SESSION

1.	Alexander Chapel	$ 5.00
2.	Blue Ridge	10.00
3.	Catawba View	25.00
4.	French Broad	25.00
5.	Garrison Chapel	50.00
6.	Glade Creek	25.00
7.	Greater New Zion	50.00
8.	Hill St	100.00
9.	Mt. Zion	100.00
10.	Mt. Olive (M.H)	75.00
11.	Mt. Carmel (W.A.)	10.00
12.	Mills Chapel	75.00
13.	Mud Creek	25.00
14.	New Bethel	100.00
15.	Nazareth	100.00
16.	Pine Grove	14.00
17.	Pleasant Hill	75.00
18.	Rock Hill	100.00
19.	St. Paul	75.00
20.	St. John A	25.00
21.	St. John (Flet)	20.00
22.	Star of Bethel	100.00
23.	Sullivan Temple	10.00
24.	Tried Stone	25.00
25.	Union Grove	50.00
	Ushers Union	25.00
26.	World Wide	25.00
27.	Welfare	25.00
	Total	$1,344.00

We may note that some of our churches did not report in the annual session, but later sent in their Quota amount. We are depending on you to give your quota each year in order that we may be able to carry on the work of our association. It takes a lot to keep up the program we have in operation in our association.

MINISTERS

1.	Rev. H. B. Ferguson	$ 2.00
2.	Rev. R. J. Young	2.00
3.	Rev. A. R. Madden	2.00
4.	Rev. J. E. Pedew	2.00
5.	Rev. E. W. Posey	2.00
6.	Rev. J. H. Norman	2.00
7.	Rev. C. L. Irby	2.00
8.	Rev. J. H. Smith	2.00
9.	Rev. J. H. Sullivan	2.00
10.	Rev. R. W. Lytle	2.00
11.	Rev. N. M. Avery	2.00
12.	Rev. Woods	2.00
13.	Rev. B. F. Brewer	2.00
14.	Rev. C. Johnson	2.00
15.	Rev. R. J. Norman	2.00
16.	Rev. H. J. Cox	2.00
17.	Rev. Wesley Grant	2.00
18.	Rev. B. J. Jamison	2.00
19.	Rev. R. J. Burton	2.00
20.	Rev. Eddie Johnson	2.00
21.	Rev. Q. E. Owens	2.00
	DEACON'S Total	$ 42.00

1.	Dea. J. A. Davis	$ 1.00
2.	... R. D. Robinson	1.00
3.	... James OHannon	1.00
4.	... Robert Forney	1.00
5.	... Willie Thompson	1.00
6.	... William Collins	1.00
7.	... James Pilgrim	1.00
8.	... C. L. Conley	1.00
9.	... J. H. Fair	1.00
10.	... Smith	1.00
11.	... W. H. King	1.00
12.	... Geater	1.00
13.	... Walter Lytle	1.00
14.	... William Allen	1.00
15.	... J. T. Marshall	1.00
	Total	$ 15.00

Messengers:

Mrs. Joyce Logan..... 50¢
Mrs. Annie Johnson ..... 50¢
Mrs. Pauline Young ..... 50¢
Mrs. Virginia Glenn 1.00

Offerings:

Wednesday afternoon $18.40 Night $60.37

Thursday Night $20.50 Friday Night $37.56

Sunday Afternoon $42.50 All total $1,520.80

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Our Fall Session was held at the Mt Zion Baptist Church, Asheville, November 1971. Rev. J. W. White, Pastor.

We had a real good session, it opened at 1:30 P.M. For business. At 6:00 P.M. A Delicious Thanksgiving Dinner was served by the Church which was enjoyed by all.

8:00 P.M. Rev. J. H. Smith, brought to us the Thanksgiving message, which everybody enjoyed.

Many of our churches reported at this session, their quota we are hoping that if you didn't report please bring in the full quota amount due.

The budget committee met with the general executive board on December 13, 1971 and made several changes in the budget that was presented to the Fall Session. The board voted to use the per-member quota for churches. Below please note the schedule for the per-member quota system.
Please let the secretary have the membershi p of your church by January 31, 1972 so that the budget can be completed .

Continued -
If there are any questions please feel free to call the Moderator or the Vice Moderator.

SCHEDULE of QUOTA for PER-MEMBER -ASSOCIATIONAL ASESSMENT.

For 1972

Number of Members:	Quota
1 - 50	$ 50.00
51 - 100	100.00
101 - 150	175.00
151 - 200	225.00
201 - 300	325.00
400 - an over	425.00

QUOTA OF CHURCHES

Alexander Chapel	$ 30.00
Blue Ridge	60.00
Bethel	200.00
Bethel A	300.00
Catawba View	75.00
Fairmont	60.00
French Broad	75.00
Garrison Chapel	150.00
Glade Creek	75.00
Hill Street	300.00
Mills Chapel	200.00
Mt. Carmel (Arden)	75.00
Mt. Carmel (W. Asheville)	30.00
Mt. Zion (Asheville	300.00
Mt. Zion (Clear Creek	30.00
Mt. Olive (Mars Hill	75.00
Mud Creek	75.00

New Zion	$ 75.00
New Bethel	200.00
New Mt. Olive	200.00
New Salem	75.00
Nazareth	300.00
Plesant Grove	75.00
Pine Grove	30.00
Ponders Chapel	45.00
Rock Hill	300.00
Star of Bethel	300.00
St. John A	75.00
St. John (Fletcher	60.00
St. Paul	75.00
St. Matthew	30.00
Tried Stone	75.00
Tabernacle	200.00
Union Grove	150.00
Welfare	75.00
World Wide	100.00
Sullivans Temple	25.00

This is the Moderator's Proposal as Quota.

Churches Number of Members	Quota
1 - 25	$ 25.00
25 - 50	50.00
50 - 75	75.00
75 - 100	100.00
101 - 125	125.00
126 - 150	150.00
151 - 175	175.00
176 - 200	200.00
201 - 225	225.00
226 - 250	250.00
251 - 275	275.00
276 - 300	300.00

On and On each twenty five members twenty five dollars.

CONSTITUTION
of
MUD CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(Revised, January 27, 1955)

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1. This body shall be named and styled "The Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Educational Association.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTS

Section 1. (a) Its objects shall be to promote Christian Education, Christian Missions (home and foreign) and the Baptist Assembly Grounds at East Flat Rock, N. C.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of messengers chosen by churches connected with it. Each of 100 members or less shall be entitled to two messengers and one additional messenger for every 100 members beyond 100.
Section 2. Ministers who are pastors of some church in the association.
Section 3. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her partition to the association through her messenger appointed for the purpose. If received, then upon payment of $5.00 for entrance fee, the Moderator shall extend to the messenger the right hand of fellowship.
Section 4. The messengers from each church shall bear a church letter.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk Assistant Clerk, Corresponding Secretary,

Treasurer, Director of Christian Education.

The Executive Board shall be composed of five additional members elected annually, together with the Presidents of District Auxiliaries, who shall act for the association when not in session.

Section 2. The General Board shall be composed of all the pastors of the Association.

Section 3. The Moderator will be empowered to appoint an ordaining council of five to ten members.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES

Section 1. It shall be the duties of the presiding officers to enforce the observance of the constitution, appoint committees and to give his views after others have spoken, and shall vote in case of a tie.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record all records of the proceedings of the association and to have the minutes records printed within ninety days after the adjournment of the association; and to send to each church clerk, copies of the minutes reporting all expensis to the treasurer for settlement.

Section 3. It shall be the duties of the treasurer to receive all monies paid into the association and check out the same by orders of the Executive Board or Moderator signed by the Clerk.

He shall deposit association monies in a bank within the counties of the Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the ordaining council to ordain only those who have been called by churches to pastor, or

to assist the pastor.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Annual Session of this Association shall convene on Thursday (after)____ (before) the _____ Lord's day in _____ dismissing on Friday night and re-assembling Sunday at 2:00 P.M. for Closing Session.

Section 2. There shall be ____ Sermons Introductory, Doctrinal, Educational, and Missionary.

Section 3. That for sermons preached we shall compensate $10.00 dollars.

Section 4. That we have a Fall Session, Thursday prior to Thanksgiving each year, and a Spring Session the 4th. Sunday in April.

ARTICAL VII - BIBLE INSTITUTE

Section 1. That the association shall hold a Bible Institute Anually for the instruction of ministers, missionaries, Sunday School and B.T.U. Workers, Deacons and Trustees, all Church Officers,, This institute being held in various areas according to location of churches, at a place central.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONS FINANCE

Section 1. That each church shall send annually to the association by its messenger the budget money requested by the association.

Section 2. The Objects for momentary support of the Mud Creek Association shall be the Baptist Assembly at East Flat Rock, N. C. Home Missions; Foreign Missions and Christian Education, State and National Work.

Section 3. That the association have a

Budget Committee composed of five competent persons.

ARTICLE IX - ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARIES

Section 1. All of the auxiliaries of the association shall be required to Baptistically regard themselves as an auxiliary to the association and be subject to the orders of the association, making no laws or constitutional rules that will conflict with the association.

Section 2. That all monies raised by the auxiliaries above reasonable operating expenses shall be immediately turned over to the association treasurer or executive boardl for the benefit of the Baptist Assembly and other missions of the association.

Section 3. That no auxiliary of the association shall be permitted to take into its membership any auxiliary-body or any church that is not affiliated in or with the Mud Creek Baptist Association.

ARTICLE X - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers shall be onece a year in the month of _____ at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

This Constitution may be amended or revised by two-third vote of the body at any time the body may see fit to do so.

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The Objectives of this association is to assist the churches in its bounds to major upon Evangelism, Missions, and Stewardship through their programs.